

COMMUNICABLE / INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Teachers shall be alert to signs of illness and communicable disease and refer students who show such symptoms to the school nurse.

All students with a diagnosed communicable disease or with symptoms of a communicable disease may be temporarily excluded from school. The parent / guardian or emergency contact will be notified and asked to take the student from school. The school nurse shall be responsible for notifying the local health department of all students having a communicable disease as required by law and Department of Education rules. The building Principal shall be notified by the School Nurse of reportable communicable disease cases and contacts in the school.

When a communicable disease may compromise the general health of the school population, the school community will be notified in writing (i.e., a note home with students, via email / List Serve, and/or on the District's website).

Students returning to school after a diagnosed communicable disease should be symptom free for 24 hours and provide written documentation from the attending physician of the medical treatment plan.

Students who have other types of communicable diseases shall be excluded from school as prescribed by law, or shall observe other protective procedures according to recommendations issued by the Maine Center for Disease Control.

Legal Reference: 5 MRSA § 19201 et. seq.
20-A MRSA §§ 1001(11)(A), 6301
22 MRSA §§ 801, 802, 806, 823, 824

Cross Reference: Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Plan
Medical Excuses for School Absences (JED-R2)
Immunization of Students (JLCB)
Administration of Medication to Students (JLCD)
Chemical Hygiene Policy (EBAA)

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